

Dated 6th
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By Commission under the Great Seal of England,
Bishops, Barons, Baronets, Knights, Esquires



That whereas his Majesties Servants the Kings Herald
That their late Colledge of Arms in London (given to
cords Rolls and Books of their faculty) was consumed
Nobility and Gentry] being preserved, are in danger
ly] the knowledge thereof will wear out and cease
That there is no Revenue belonging to their Corporation
building London, near expiration; so as the ground
follow, unless His Majesty be graciously pleased to

And mentioning that his Majesty had referred the said Petition to his
for some fit means or expedient to effect the said Rebuilding, who had
sing whereof, they conceived to be for his Majesty by his Commission
(as persons most concerned) would cheerfully contribute thereunto.

That his Majesty approved of that expedient. And doth recommend
of his Nobility and Gentry as in a matter which he desires may have effect

And for the better effecting thereof

Sir Edward Walker Garter.
Sir Edward Bish Clarenceux.
William Dugdale Norroy.

Kings of Arms,

Elias Ashmole Windsor.
Henry St. George Richmond.
Thomas Lee Chester.
Sir Thomas St. George Windsor.
John Wingfield York.
Robert Challoner Lancaster.

Francis Sandford Rochester.
Thomas Holford Pomfret.

Are Constituted Authorized and appointed Commission

With power for them or any one or more of them to take and receive such
And command to make return of the Commission and their proceedings

And Henry Dethick Rouge Croix
John Gibbons Blewmanle.

Pursuivants of Arms.

And Rouge Croix and Blewmanle for the time being, and
such others as the said Kings Herald and Pursuivants under
their common Seal shall appoint,

The said Collectors and Receivers are Commanded To pay all the moneys by

And those Treasurers are to pay and dispose of moneys

And in case the moneys arising by such Sub-
scriptions exceed the charge of Rebuilding such overplus to
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and, directed to all Arch-Bishops, Dukes, Marquesses, Barons, Viscounts,
and Gentlemen within England and V Vales,

(Reciting:)

And the Pursuivants of Armes by their humble Petition had represented unto his Majesty,
that the Corporation in perpetuity for their residence and place of meeting, and for keeping the Re-
cords by the late fire there, but the said Records Rolls and Books [which are of great use to the
Lancaster be lost, and the Petitioners Employment [having relation to matters of Honour and Arms on-
ceantle want of like conveniency for the future,
whereby to enable them to rebuild, and the time limited by the Act of Parliament for Re-
building their said Colledge stood will be lost, and the inconveniencies before mentioned inevitably,
to seek his Royal favour in that behalf.
his Commissioners, for executing the Office of Earle Marshal of England to consider thereof, and certi-
fied thereon, That the charge thereof will amount to 5000*l*. The most probable way for pay-
ment to recommend the same to his Nobility and Gentry for their voluntary benevolence, who
men the same accordingly, with this, that he doth promise himself and expect the ready compli-
ance and will be very acceptable to him.

And Garter Clarenceux and Norroy Kings
And Windsor Richmond Chester Sommerfet } Of Arms for the
York and Lancaster Herald's } time being.
And Rouge Dragon and Portcullis Pursuivants }
And such other person and persons as the Earle Marshal of
England or Commissioners for that Office now and for the time
being or any one or more of them shall under their Hands and
Seals appoint.

To take and Receive the Subscriptions of his Majesties said Nobility and Gentry
which they or any of them shall make towards rebuilding the said Colledge.

Such Subscriptions.
To the Earl Marshal or Commissioners for that Office before Michaelmas 1677.

For Collecting and Receiving the moneys arising by such Sub-
scriptions.

To Two Treasurers named in the Commission.
And to such others as shall be appointed by the Earl Marshal or Commis-
sioners for that Office now and for the time being or any one of them.

To and for the said Rebuilding and not otherwise, in such manner and order as the Earl
Marshal or Commissioners for that Office now and for the time being shall appoint.

The publick Hall
and the places } For keeping the Records.
For meeting in Chapter
For books to be added to the Library there.
To take and Re- }
gister in books of } Certificates of } The Arms they beare
Velome } } Their Descents Marches and Issue
} } Their Liberality.

To the end the memory thereof may
remain to after Ages.
And to deliver our Testimonials thereof under
their common Seal to such of their Benefi-
ctors who shall require the same.

The Commission to endure till Michaelmas 1677.